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Re: Application of Terrabrook Ladd Utilities, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Docket No. 99-00509

Dear Mr. Waddell:

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It was brought to my attention yesterday afternoon that copies of the Pre-filed testimony of Kenneth R. Green filed yesterday afternoon were missing pages 3 and 4. Therefore, I am submitting his Pre-filed testimony again with all the pages included. I apologize for the error. Copies will be sent to counsel for the City of Franklin and the Consumer Advocate. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

DONALD L. SCHOLES

Enclosure

c: Vince Williams, Consumer Advocate

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CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE SEWER SERVICE)		1100	

PREFILED TESTIMONY OF

KENNETH R. GREEN, VICE-PRESIDENT OF

TERRABROOK LADD UTILITIES, LLC

Dated: February 10, 2000



- 1 Q. Please state your name for the record.
- A. My name is Kenneth R. Green.
- 3 Q. What is your position with the Applicant, Terrabrook Ladd Utilities, LLC?
- 4 A. Vice-President.
- 5 Q. As Vice-President of Terrabrook Ladd Utilities, LLC did you cause the application in this
- 6 matter to be filed?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Mr. Green by whom are you employed?
- 9 A. Terrabrook
- 10 Q. What is your position?
- 11 A. General Manager and Vice President for Terrabrook's Nashville Operations. This
- includes the development and management of Fieldstone Farms, a 1,000 acre Master Planned
- community with 2,120 residences, commercial and recreation facilities. I am responsible for
- new identification, planning and development of new residential communities for Terrabrook in
- the Nashville MSA.
- 16 Q. What is your business address with Terrabrook?
- 17 A. 2111 Fieldstone Parkway, Franklin, TN 37069
- 18 Q. What is the business of Terrabook?
- 19 A. Terrabrook owns over 40 planned communities in 23 major markets in 13 states and
- 20 Puerto Rico which include over 70,000 acres of land which when fully completed will comprise
- 21 55,000 single family homesites. Terrabrook is the developer of the Fieldstone Farms
- development in Franklin, Tennessee, and my office is located at Fieldstone Farms.

Q. Can you tell the Directors why Terrabrook Ladd Utilities, LLC was created and why this application was filed?

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Terrabrook is planning to develop approximately 630 acres in Williamson County Α. located approximately 2000 feet north of the I-65 and Goose Creek bypass interchange and 2000 feet east of I-65. The property is bounded on the north by the Harpeth River and on the south by Long Lane. A description of the property and a map showing the location of the property is contained in the Engineering Report attached as Exhibit 2 to the application. Terrabrook plans to develop approximately 1500 residential lots with a golf course. Terrabrook plans to develop a residential golf course community with approximately 1500 lots. In addition to the golf course, the following design elements are included in our initial concept plan. An integral part of the project design would be a park system woven throughout the community. We have had preliminary discussions with the Williamson County to connect this park system with the adjacent County park. Along the Harpeth River, there is an opportunity for us to establish an environmentally friendly wildlife area and nature trail. This system would connect with the overall park system and be offered to organizations, such as the 4H Club, who could have programs at the adjacent County park.. Water service to the property is provided by Milcrofton Utility District. No public sewer service is currently available for the area. The planned development will require a wastewater treatment and disposal system. Since no public sewer is currently available, Terrabrook created the Applicant, Terrabrook Ladd Utilities, LLC, to own and operate a wastewater treatment and disposal system for the development. The Applicant cannot operate the proposed sewer system for the development without obtaining a certificate of convenience and necessity from the Authority.

- 1 Q. Before this application was filed, did you discuss the provision of sewer service to the
- 2 development with the City of Franklin and Williamson County?
- 3 A. Yes. The property to be developed by Terrabrook is not located within the municipal
- 4 boundaries of the City of Franklin. Terrabrook approached the City of Franklin about providing
- 5 sewer service to the development to provide sewer service. At that time I understood that
- 6 Franklin was unable to provide sewer service. Therefore, the Applicant was created and this
- application was filed to take steps to have a sewer provider available for the development. I will
- 8 discuss later in my testimony the specific conversations and positions of Franklin on providing
- 9 sewer service to the development in more detail. Williamson County does not provide sewer
- service and was supportive of Terrabrook creating a utility to provide sewer service to the
- 11 proposed development.
- Q. Why is it necessary that the proposed development have sewer service?
- 13 A. Service by septic system is not viable for the lots within the proposed residential golf
- course community. The community will have several different housing types and lot sizes which
- require conventional sewer service and disposal.
- 16 Q. Has the proposed Terrabrook development been approved by the Williamson County
- 17 Planning Commission?
- 18 A. No. Terrabrook cannot obtain approval for the development until it can show that sewer
- 19 utility service will be available. Terrabrook cannot demonstrate that sewer service is available
- until a certificate of convenience and necessity is issued by the Authority to the Applicant
- 21 authorizing it to provide sewer service within the geographic boundaries of the proposed
- development. Once the certificate is issued, then Terrabrook can advise the Williamson County

- 1 Planning Commission that a sewer provider is available to provide wastewater treatment and
- 2 disposal services for the development.
- Q. Does the Applicant currently have any assets?
- 4 A. No. The Applicant has been created for the purpose of providing sewer service to the
- 5 proposed development. As will be discussed later in my testimony, Terrabrook will contribute
- 6 the sewer treatment plant, disposal system and collection system to the Applicant to enable it to
- 7 provide the requested service.
- 8 Q. Does Terrabrook have any experience in organizing and operating sewer utilities for its
- 9 developments?
- 10 A. Yes. Paragraph 4 of the Application describes four developments of Terrabrook where
- 11 Terrabrook has constructed sewer treatment plants and collection systems to serve its
- developments. Upon the construction of the sewer system, the systems have been operated by
- private sewer companies or by sewer districts which Terrabrook was instrumental in creating.
- 14 Although I personally have not been involved in the construction of one of these systems,
- 15 Terrabrook has the knowledge, experience and expertise to construct the sewer system and to set
- up the Applicant to operate the system.
- 17 Q. Can you describe the relationship between Terrabrook and the Applicant?
- 18 A. The proposed development in Williamson County is being developed by Westbrook
- 19 United Land Investments, L. P. (WULI) which operates its developments under the trade name
- 20 Terrabrook. Westbrook United Land Investments, L. P. owns the Applicant. Westbrook United
- Land Investments, L. P. is owned by a real estate opportunity fund, Westbrook Real Estate Fund,
- 22 III, L. P. (Fund III), which is sponsored and managed by Westbrook Partners, LLC. Westbrook
- Partners, LLC (Westbrook) is a fully integrated investment management company with offices in

- 1 New York, Boston, Dallas, and San Francisco. Fund III was initially capitalized with equity
- 2 commitments in excess of \$1.2 billion from a variety of institutional investors and is the third
- 3 opportunity fund created by Westbrook since 1994. To date, Fund III has invested or committed
- 4 over \$890 million in equity in 29 transactions with a total capitalization in excess of \$2.5 billion.
- Nine of these investments, valued at approximately \$125 million, represent residential planned
- 6 communities owned by Terrabrook.
- 7 Q. What kind of wastewater treatment and disposal system is the Applicant proposing to
- 8 install and operate?
- 9 A. The Applicant intends to construct a gravity flow sewer collection system and a
- 10 conventional sewage treatment plant with a capacity of approximately 525,600 gallons per day
- with a zero discharge spray irrigation disposal system. The engineering report submitted with
- the application describes the proposed system in greater detail.
- 13 Q. In the engineering report and in response to a Staff Information Request, the Applicant
- provided information on the estimated cost of the wastewater treatment and disposal system and
- on the projected annual operation, maintenance, and depreciation costs of operating the sewer
- system. Who prepared these projections?
- 17 A. These estimates and projections were prepared by Smith Seckman Reid, Inc., an
- engineering firm hired by Terrabrook to prepare these projections. The person who prepared
- 19 these estimates was not available for the hearing today. Jim Littlejohn of Littlejohn Engineering
- who is working with Terrabrook on this development will testify about these projections in the
- 21 hearing and will be available to answer any questions of by the Directors about the estimates and
- 22 projections.

Q. In the Application you propose a residential monthly service rate with a minimum charge of \$18.00 for the first 2000 gallons and a charge of \$2.80 per 1000 gallons for all usage above

2000 gallons. You propose a residential tap fee of \$3,200. Are these the rates you still propose

4 to charge?

A. No. The original engineering report for the wastewater treatment and disposal system for the development proposed an assessment of a connection fee or tap fee of \$3,200 per lot. The proposed connection fees would be used to recover the cost of the wastewater treatment plant, disposal site and interest costs associated with the construction of these facilities. The original plan as presented in the application anticipated that the Applicant would be responsible for constructing the wastewater treatment plant and land disposal facilities. The Applicant would recover its investment through the assessment of tap fees or connection fees to the developed lots.

Subsequent to the filing of the application, the Applicant met with and discussed the accounting of the tap fees with the Consumer Advocate. The Consumer Advocate had raised a concern about treating the tap fees as operating revenue rather than as contributions in aid of construction. The Consumer Advocate indicated that the funding described for the construction of the plant and disposal facilities and the repayment of the cost of the treatment plant may place an undue burden or risk on the Applicant and its ratepayers in the event the development did not perform as anticipated. Therefore, Terrabrook is proposing that it construct the wastewater treatment plant and disposal facilities with its own funds. After the facilities are constructed and approved by the Applicant, Terrabrook will contribute these facilities to the Applicant.

The Applicant proposes to grant by contract prepaid sewer connection privileges to Terrabrook for the lots in the proposed development. Under this approach Terrabrook will

- 1 recover its costs for the treatment facilities through an additional charge placed on each lot sold
- 2 in the proposed development. This approach minimizes the risk to the Applicant for the
- 3 repayment of the construction costs of the treatment plant facilities since the developer will
- 4 contribute these assets to the Applicant in exchange for an agreed upon number of prepaid sewer
- 5 connections to the Applicant.
- In addition, the removal of depreciation expense from operating and maintenance costs
- thereby reduces the overall expenses for which rates must be set to cover.
- 8 Q. What are the new monthly service rates the Applicant proposes to charge?
- 9 A. The new rates the Applicant proposes to charge are attached as Exhibit 1 to my
- 10 testimony. In the Engineering Report submitted with the application, the Applicant proposed a
- 11 commercial monthly service rate. The proposed development is entirely development is entirely
- 12 residential. Terrabrook does not anticipate having any commercial customers; therefore, no
- commercial monthly service rate is now being proposed.
- 14 Q. How does the contribution of the entire sewer system by the developer benefit the
- 15 Applicant and its customers?
- 16 A. Since all of the Applicant's utility plant in service will be contributed plant, the Applicant
- will have no rate base. Rates must be set only to cover operating expenses.
- 18 Q. How will the Applicant meet its operating expenses in the first few years of operation?
- 19 A. During the initial years of operation of the sewer system, the Applicant will not generate
- 20 enough revenues from monthly sewer charges to pay the anticipated operation and maintenance
- 21 costs of the system. Terrabrook proposes to provide an initial up front contribution to the
- Applicant to help offset the deficit in sewer revenues until such time as adequate customers are

- 1 available to cover the projected operation and maintenance costs. Terrabrook will recover this
- 2 up front contribution in the lot costs associated with the development.
- 3 Q. Have you caused to be prepared revised financial exhibits which show the effect of
- 4 Terrabrook contributing the entire sewer system to the Applicant?
- 5 A. Yes. I have attached as Exhibit 2 to my testimony a revised proforma income statement
- for the projected build out of the development. The rates proposed for monthly service should
- begin covering the Applicant's operating expenses in year 5. The operating expenses are the
- 8 same as those set forth in the application and in the response to the Staff Request. The projected
- 9 income statement submitted in response to the Staff Request did not project the taxes which the
- Applicant will be required to pay in operating the sewer system. I have projected the property
- taxes, franchise taxes, and excise taxes which the Applicant must pay as a part of its operating
- 12 costs. Rates must be set to cover these costs. The property tax projection is attached as Exhibit
- 3 to my testimony. The franchise tax projection is attached as Exhibit 4 to my testimony. The
- original pro forma income statement assumed that the Applicant would have 200 customers for
- the entire first year of operations. This assumption was not a reasonable assumption. In the
- revised pro forma income statement, the Applicant has assumed 100 customers for the first year
- and has added 200 additional customers in the following years except for years 6 and 7 when
- 18 250 customers per year are added. The revised pro forma income statement projects that the
- rates proposed will produce an annual revenue contribution by each customer of \$411.00. The
- projection assumes a monthly usage of 10,000 gallons a month.
- Q. The City of Franklin has intervened in this case. Can you describe for the Directors a
- short history of your discussions and negotiations with the City of Franklin regarding the
- provision of sewer service to the Terrabrook development?

A. Jim Littlejohn and I communicated early and often with representatives of Williamson County and representatives of the City of Franklin. Terrabrook maintained a neutral position as to the growth patterns and political interests of the County and the City. We first met with the Williamson County Executive, Clint Callicott, on April 30, 1999 and briefed him on the project and our desire to establish a private sewer utility to provide sewer service to the development. Clint Callicott was thoroughly briefed on Terrabrook's position and did not express any objection to the concept of the utility. The application was filed on July 15, 1999. I met with Clint Callicott on August 17, 1999 to describe the application and to reiterate the neutral objective of the proposal as being satisfied with the County or City jurisdiction.

On August 31, 1999, I met with Jerry Sharber, the Mayor of the City of Franklin. The application process was described with the same basic neutral overview as was given to Clint Callicott. The Mayor was very amicable and did not express any concerns or objections. I discussed with Mayor Sharber the considerations that were ongoing regarding Franklin's extending its urban growth management boundaries to the area which would include the property in question. The Mayor felt that at some point he envisioned the tract being incorporated into the City. The Mayor gave no time line for this event. There was a discussion about the several areas of possible disagreement with the County and City concerning the growth management boundaries.

On several occasions after this meeting with Mayor Sharber, Mr. Littlejohn contacted Eddy Woodard, the Director of the City's Water and Sewer Department, to confirm whether sewer would be located anywhere in the vicinity if the growth management boundaries of the City were extended south to this tract of land. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation had recently denied several requests by Franklin for a wastewater plant and a

general drainage basin on their property. There were also no other plans for extension or upgrades to the City's system to handle the area being considered by the growth management proposal. Mr. Woodard indicated his support of our application to the TRA.

Terrabrook hired an attorney, Tom White, to assist it in discussion with Franklin. Mr. White met with Eddy Woodard, Jay Johnson, the City Manager for Franklin, and with Doug Berry, counsel for the City of Franklin. This meeting and all phone conversations with Doug Berry have been of an extremely amicable nature. We have explained our position as simply as we can. We have a very important piece of property, and we need to move forward with the development of this property. We are not trying to dictate terms to the City of Franklin or to the County. We are merely trying to move on with a reasonable development of this property which is certainly something nobody should argue with. We are perfectly willing to commit to do facility construction in compliance with the terms and specifications that would be compatible with the interests of the City of Franklin or of Williamson County. With the greatest deference to the interests of the City and the County, the development of our property should not be held in abeyance until matters beyond our control are resolved.

The City has indicated to us that for political reasons it needs to have a "friendly intervention" in this case. Applicant understands that the City has intervened on the grounds that it can provide sewer service in the near future and that the property may someday in the future be within the City's boundaries. Currently, however, the property is located within Williamson County and the surrounding properties are located within Williamson County; therefore, there is no way to annex the property into the City today. Whether this property or its surrounding properties will ever be incorporated into the City's boundaries is uncertain. It is unclear whether the Urban Growth boundary law will ever go into effect with many counties and cities indicating

they will challenge this law in court. Regardless of whether the property is ever included in the City, there currently are no sewer solutions approved, funded, or designed to service the property today or in the near future. The certainty of any "proposed" service is not clear, and the timing is unknown. No sewer service currently exists for this property and surrounding properties which are in the County, and no certainty exists for future sewer service. The Applicant has a viable sewer proposal and ability to build the sewer system for the benefit of the development; therefore, the public convenience and necessity has been established.

The granting of a certificate to the Applicant does not preclude the property from falling under the jurisdiction of the City in the future, or providing sewer to the property or surrounding properties in the future. Terrabrook has already demonstrated a willingness to discuss these options should annexation or service from the City be available in the future.

- 12 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
- 13 A. Yes, it does.

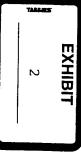
EXHIBIT 1

TERRABROOK LADD UTILITIES, LLC MONTHLY SEWER SERVICE BILLING

Minimum Monthly Charge (first 2,000 gallons)	\$18.00
Charge per 1,000 gallons (actual or assumed flow)	\$ 2.03

TERRABROOK LADD UTILITY, L.L.C. SEVEN-YEAR PRO FORMA INCOME STATEMENT

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
Revenue Residential usage Commercial usage	41,110 0	123,300	205,500	287,700	370,000	472,650 0	575,400 0
Total Revenue	41,110	123,300	205,500	287,700	370,000	472,650	575,400
Operating Expenses							
Labor	30,000	35,000	60,000	68,000	84,000	92,000	122,500
Power	47,800	47,800	95,650	95,650	95,650	105,400	112,000
Chemicals	800	1,200	1,600	1,600	2,400	2,400	3,000
Repairs/Supplies	12,000	12,000	24,000	24,000	48,000	48,000	60,000
Administrative	33,000	39,000	65,000	70,000	75,000	99,500	138,000
Property taxes	19,129	20,757	22,385	24,013	25,641	27,676	29,711
Franchise taxes	7,571	8,129	8,687	9,246	9,804	10,606	11,408
Total Expenses	150,300	163,886	277,322	292,509	340,495	385,582	476,619
Net Operating Income	-109,190	-40,586	-71,822	-4,809	29,505	87,068	98,781
Excise taxes	0	0	0	-289	1,770	5,224	5,927
Net Income	-109,190	-40,586	-71,822	-5,098	27,735	81,844	92,854



PROPERTY TAX PROJECTION

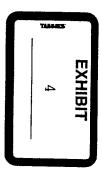
\$29,711	\$27,676	\$25,641	\$24,013	\$22,385	\$20,757	\$19,129	Property Tax
\$2.96 per \$	\$2.96 per \$100	per \$100 \$2.96 per \$100 \$2.96 per \$100 \$2.96 per \$100		\$2.96 per \$100 \$2.96		\$2.96 per \$100 \$2.96 per \$100	Applicable Tax Rate
\$1,003,750	\$935,000	\$866,250	\$811,250	\$756,250	\$701,250	\$646,250	Assessed Value at 55%
\$1,825,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,575,000	\$1,475,000	\$1,375,000	\$1,275,000	\$1,175,000	Total Value for Assessment Purposes
\$2,800,000 \$700,000	\$2,300,000 \$575,000	\$1,800,000 \$450,000	\$1,400,000 \$350,000	\$1,000,000 \$250,000	\$600,000 \$150,000	\$200,000 \$50,000	Collection System - Contributed Value for Assessment at 25%
\$2,500,000 \$625,000	\$2,500,000 \$625,000	\$2,500,000 \$625,000	\$2,500,000 \$625,000	\$2,500,000 \$625,000	\$2,500,000 \$625,000	\$2,500,000 \$625,000	Treatment Facilities - Contributed Value for Assessment at 25%
\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	Land
Year 7	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	



^{*} No increase in property tax rate is included in projection
* Value of treatment plant and collection system reduced to 25% of value because is contributed capital

FRANCHISE TAX PROJECTION

Franchise Tax	Applicable Franchise Tax Rate	Total Franchise Tax Base	Collection System - Net Plant Value	Collection System -Gross Plant Value Accumulated depreciation	Treatment Facilities - Gross Plant Val Accumulated depreciation Treatment Facilities - Net Plant Value	Land	
	e Tax Rate	Base	Net Plant Value	Gross Plant Value eciation	Treatment Facilities - Gross Plant Value Accumulated depreciation Treatment Facilities - Net Plant Value		
\$7,571	\$0.25 per \$100 \$0.25 per \$100	\$3,028,333	\$195,000	\$200,000 -\$5,000	\$2,500,000 -\$166,667 \$2,333,333	\$500,000	Year 1
\$8,129	\$0.25 per \$100	\$3,251,666	\$585,000	\$600,000 -\$15,000	\$2,500,000 -\$333,334 \$2,166,666	\$500,000	Year 2
\$8,687	\$0.25 per \$100	\$3,474,999	\$975,000	\$1,000,000 -\$25,000	\$2,500,000 -\$500,001 \$1,999,999	\$500,000	Year 3
\$9,246	\$0.25 per \$100	\$3,698,332	\$1,365,000	\$1,400,000 -\$35,000	\$2,500,000 -\$666,668 \$1,833,332	\$500,000	Year 4
\$9,804	5 per \$100 \$0.25 per \$100 \$0.25 per \$100 \$0.25 per \$100	\$3,921,665	\$1,755,000	\$1,800,000 -\$45,000	\$2,500,000 -\$833,335 \$1,666,665	\$500,000	Year 5
\$10,606	\$0.25 per \$100	\$4,242,498	\$2,242,500	\$2,300,000 -\$57,500	\$2,500,000 -\$1,000,002 \$1,499,998	\$500,000	Year 6
\$11,408	\$0.25 per \$100	\$4,563,331	\$2,730,000	\$2,800,000 -\$70,000	\$2,500,000 -\$1,166,669 \$1,333,331	\$500,000	Year 7



^{*} Depreciation for treatment facilities computed on straight line with 15 year life

* Depreciation for collection system computed on straight line with 40 year life

* Collection system gross plant value for year 1 based upon 100 lots with \$2,000 per lot as contribution amount

* Collection system gross plant value for years 2 to 5 based upon 200 lots per year with \$2,000 per lot as contribution amount

* Collection system gross plant value for years 6 and 7 based upon 250 lots per year with \$2,000 per lot as contribution amount